

REMARKS

The present Amendment After Final is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed 18 April 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

In the present Amendment, the Applicants amend the claims in accordance with allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action of 28 December 2005. No new issues are presented as the Applicants merely conform the independent claims with the indicated allowable dependent claims which were merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In the Office Action of 18 April 2006, the Examiner maintained the rejection of claims of the application based on Blalock et al. (US Patent No. 6,344,641). In response, the Applicants respectfully disagrees with the rejections, but desires to pursue the immediate-indicated allowable subject matter to expedite prosecution.

In the Amendment, claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 19 are amended here, claims 20-25 are canceled, and new claims 26-27 are added. No new matter has been entered by this amendment. The Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment After Final, which raises no issues, and allowance of the application.

In particular, claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 19 are amended here, claims 20-25 are canceled, and new claims 26-27 are added. More specifically:

** Claim limitations added/deleted by the Applicants in the previous Amendment of 27 March 2006, not deemed to place all claims in a condition for allowance by the Examiner, have been removed.*

** Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all limitations of indicated-allowable dependent claim 4 in the Office Action of 28 December 2005.*

** Independent claim 13 has been amended to include all limitations of indicated-allowable dependent claim 19 in the Office Action of 28 December 2005. An additional step of "producing the color scheme in the decorative lighting apparatus" has been included to clarify the nature and relationship of the subsequent steps in the claim relative to the previous steps.*

** New independent claim 26 has been added which includes all limitations of indicated-allowable dependent claim 11 in the Office Action of 28 December 2005. New claim 27 is dependent from new claim 26.*

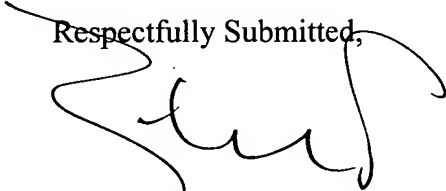
** Withdrawn claims 20-25 have been canceled.*

Based on the above, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment After Final, which raises no issues, and allowance of the application.

Thank you. Please feel free to contact the undersigned for any reason if it would expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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